

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: Method And Apparatus For Suture Anchors  
With A Vertical Eyelet

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Examiner: Melanie Tyson

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 1, 2009, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a (1) one month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.